Fast trains from Delhi

2875. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways are planning to introduce new super-fast trains between Delhi and other important cities within a radius of 500 kms.;

(b) if so, what are the details of such trains likely to be introduced during the next two years; and

(c) what are the plans of Government to start more superfast/ Rajdhani trains in Delhi-Mumbai sector, to cope up with the heavy traffic?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) and (b) In order to cater to the needs of the passengers, in a radius of around 500 kms. from Delhi, the Railways propose to introduce the following trains during 2002-2003:

1. Nizamuddin-Kota Jan Shatabdi;
2. New Delhi-Dehradun Jan Shatabdi;
3. New Delhi-Chandigarh Jan Shatabdi;
4. Nizamuddin-Kanyakumari (Weekly) Express with stoppages at Agra, Jhansi;
5. New Delhi-Howrah (Bi-weekly) Express with stoppage at Kanpur;
6. Delhi-Pathankot (Tri-weekly) Express;
7. Delhi-Meerut Passenger;
8. Delhi Sarai Rohilla-Rewari Passenger(MG)

(c) At present, there is no proposal for introduction of super fast/ Rajdhani Express trains on the Delhi-Mumbai sector.